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Good Morning:

Haps is shouting (we don't blame him) for some things we promised him a week ago. Memoranda from Dr. Tyson are still just a pile of directives. The dummy for the September (that's correct) issue of the Alumni Magazine is lying here waiting for a final check. The "Urgent" file is overflowing. But this is Friday, so we have crawled out from under the pile for this bi-weekly report to 1359 Muhlenberg men across the country and around the world. You rate AAA-1 priority at all times, so here goes:

For the benefit of those of you in France, Italy, or Germany who, for your own purposes, may have use for the title of the new hit tune "Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Baby" here are the best translations we can get:

Norm Wilkinson of the History Department (who tutors in French on the side and therefore qualifies as an expert) suggests this for the mademoiselles whose pictures we see in American newspapers:

"Est-ce que tu es ou est-ce que tu n'es pas ma enfant?"

Dr. Corbiere, who teaches Italian as well as he teaches French had no difficulty in producing the Italian version:

"E´ tu e´, o non e´mi bambino?"

When you get into Germany you can take Dr. Reichard's word for it that this will work:

"Bist du es oder bist du nicht mein Schatzen?"

And in Schnecksville or Emmaus, Pumpernickle Bill of the Morning Call (plug) says this is the way to do it:

"Bisht du bisht oder bisht du net mei schnutzel?"

We stuck that in because we didn't want to start this letter by telling you that the football season is still on the red side of the ledger. We have lost our first three games--two of them to Bucknell and one to Penn State. Since writing to you the last time, we lost to Bucknell at Lewisburg 14-0 and to Penn State at Penn State 58-13. Now, however, we think the worst is over and we expect to be able to give you better news in two weeks. Tomorrow we play Swarthmore and the following week F. and M. comes here for the traditional clash.

Although you probably are as disappointed as we are, there's nothing to cry about. You would agree if you could have seen our gang play in those three games. They fought every minute of the way and they did their best. The best just wasn't good enough for the kind of opposition they were up against. We told you before that there are only two or three men with any previous college experience on the team, and I think we told you that Doggie has a scant four hours a WEEK for practice. Those aren't alibis; they are facts.

The soccer team is also in the red with defeats by Bucknell 2-1 and by Swarthmore 1-0 in the record. On Saturday, October 14, we play Ursinus at Collegeville.

This week we moved a large show case into the entrance hall of th

Administration Building to display the foreign currency you men have been sending us. We're not hinting, but there's room for some of the war souvenirs you may pick up now and then in Italy, France, Germany, or the Islands of the Pacific. LIEUTENANT BOB ALBEE '42 started that ball rolling yesterday when he sent us a handbook taken from a captured Nip officer at Peleliu. We're waiting for LIEUTENANT MAURICE HORN '44 to come back from the Pacific to give us a translation. ENSIGN JIM HEMSTREET '44 has promised us the next German helmet he finds and perhaps some other items will soon be added. Don't misunderstand--we're not hinting. Not much! No pin-up girls or French postcards, PLEASE!

It's about time to get serious and tell you what has been happening. The will of Peter S. Trumbower '99, Nazareth manufacturer and Muhlenberg trustee who died in September, was admitted to probate the other day and Muhlenberg ultimately will receive one half of his residuary estate. The bequests he made become operative at the expiration of a life trust for his widow. The estate was listed for probate as worth in excess of $630,000.

The College Board met the other day to make some changes in the by-laws that will oil the machinery for the post-war period. They established a committee of trustees, faculty, and alumni to take an interest in the development and operation of student activities on the campus; provided for the election of a vice-president of the College; and reduced the retirement age of faculty members from 70 to 65, reserving the right to request a teacher to continue beyond the 65 year limit.

We're getting set for another commencement, this one to be held Sunday, October 29. The speaker will be Captain A.S. Adams, director of the Administrative Division of the Training Activity in the Navy Bureau of Personnel. Captain Robert Workman, director of the Chaplain' Division of the Navy, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m the same day. Commencement, as usual, is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Incidentally, when the new term begins on November 1, our Navy V-12 unit will be reduced to 275 men, in accordance with the Navy policy reducing all units 40 per cent. All Marines will be withdrawn from Muhlenberg and the unit will be made up entirely of Bluejackets.

But it's high time to get on with the mail:

BOB ALBEE '42 reports two close ones in which the Japs tried to get his number on Peleliu. The first was a sniper operating from a cave chiseled out of the coral, and the second was an explosion, evidently of a Jap shell. He reports that LIEUTENANT PAUL R. KRAMER '41 was wounded in France and now is in a hospital in England. That reminds us that CAPTAIN RALPH HARWICK '30 has been invalided home to Fort Dix after strenuous service on the Anzio Beachhead.

SERGEANT TUSS BECKER '43 is back on the list again. Over in India the other night he heard a broadcast in which an Army corporal was talking about Muhlenberg. We strongly suspect that the man behind the "mike" was either CORPORAL HAROLD HELFRICH '44 or CORPORAL PHILIP BOLLIER '43. Tuss admits being thrilled, and that's something.

When you read about Liberators going into action from England, it' a good bet that T/SERGEANT CLAUDE A. KERSHNER '45 is doing his job in the crew of "The Touch of Texas," a B-24 Liberator. Down in Hawaii (yes, we're jumping around) S/2c EDWARD L. JONES '46 ran into RM/3c BOB KOCH '46. Koch had a front seat at Guam and Saipan and some other big doings in the Pacific theatre.

A few weeks ago ENSIGN JIM HEMSTREET '44 became lost while enroute from one town to another in Southern France on an errand for his ship. It was a good break because he ran into LIEUTENANT PAUL R. SCHANTZ '32, the fifth Muhlenberg man he has met since going overseas. Over in England, T/5 KENNETH WALKER is waiting for the day when he can come back

to Muhlenberg to share in the backslapping that goes on during football season.

SERGEANT EDWARD "BUD" BOSSICK '43 is in Belgium where it didn't take him long to get the score of Muhlenberg's first game with Bucknell, via shortwave radio. When NELSON K. GRAHAM '40 saw his first Jap prisoners, he said they impressed him as being a sorry looking bunch of humanity--small and tiny as an eight year old child. He is now in New Guinea. LIEUTENANT RALPH LENTZ dropped us a line the other day to give us an address he expects will be permanent "until Hitler gets kicked in his panzers for the last time."

We had a long letter the other day from SERGEANT ERNEST FELLOWS '42 fighting with the fast-moving Army that cleaned up pocket after pocket of "stubborn but stupid Jerries" in France. He had some new experiences behind the hedgerows of Normandy and in the advances that showed them the gratitude of the French people the American forces liberated. The letter is too good to brief. We'll publish it in full in the November issue of the Magazine. It's a story all by itself.

RICHARD W. ROSS '45 is another of the boys fighting in France. Other brief notes indicate that CORPORAL JOSEPH J. EVANCHO '43 and LIEUTENANT JOHN C. REHFUS '35 have New York APO addresses. San Francisco APO addresses have been placed on file for PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH PUSTAI '45, who is looking forward to coming back to school, and for Marine CORPORAL CARL R. GORDON '43.

MERVIN SHUMAN, who was in the V-12 unit, and BILL CROASDALE '45, who also was a member of the Navy unit on the campus until last July, are now midshipmen on the last lap of the race to win their first gold stripe. Both of them are in the Midshipmen's School at Northwestern University in Chicago. It's LIEUTENANT W. CLARKE WESCOE '41 now, although he has a temporary civilian status for a nine months' interneship in the Department of Medicine at the New York hospital. He has just been graduated from the Cornell Medical School.

YEOMAN THIRD CLASS ARTHUR W. BENSON '28 has been teaching in the Navy's Educational Service Center and expects a similar assignment in a new program at Camp Peary, Va. He gets a kick out of the fact that none of his shipmates receive letters from their colleges. LIEUTENANT (j.g.) WALLACE WEBSTER, who was an Allentown lawyer before he volunteered for duty in the Navy, believes he has completed his training. He is in communications in the Fleet Operational Training Command at Norfolk.

S2/c JOE SHANOSKY '43, now at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, is authority for the statement that ENSIGN JOE ROEDIGER '43 officiated at a recent service softball game. It's a deck court offense to throw pop bottles at umpires--especially if they are officers. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE RIZOS '44 is stationed with an infantry unit at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. He reports that his brother Bill '46, is overseas with a New York APO address. George has been in the Army for the past fifteen months.

WILLIAM C. STACKHOUSE '45, attending the Midshipmen's School at Columbia, had quite a surprise the other day when he went to the Broadway Presbyterian Church in New York and found none other than Muhlenberg Dr. Robert R. Fritsch preaching the sermon. Stackhouse occasionally sees TOM O'HAGEN, PHIL PETERS, and DON LEHRKINDER, all of whom were with him in the V-12 unit. CHARLES R. REINSMITH '41 is in the Officer Candidate Class at Fort Benning, Ga., according to the last letter from him. Down at the U.S. Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, ARM3/c LOU COLOMBO, one of the V-12 boys, is in the last phase of his training as an air crewman.

Just to get back to the staff for a minute: Chief Specialists NELSON ROSS and BILL SCHULDT, who have been with the Ship's Company since the Navy V-12 unit was established here, will be transferred next week to Sampson, N.Y. for special training before they begin work in

the Navy's expanding rehabilitation program. WOODY WALKER, the pharmacist mate who held forth in Sick Bay, also has been transferred and will see service with the Fleet Marine Force. That reminds us that when the Marines leave, we'll be losing CAPTAIN SCELSI, SERGEANT LUKE, SERGEANT WALKER, SERGEANT HOWELLS, SERGEANT PUJAT, and CORPORAL RAMSEY, all of whom have been here for more than a year.

KAYE HARTMAN (she used to be Haps Benfer's efficient secretary and attraction No. 1) has completed her training at Palm Beach and after a brief leave, will report for permanent duty at the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington. The boys approve of her in the trim Blues and the equally trim summer outfit.

We have added so many names to our service roster in the last few weeks that we want to save enough space to give you at least a major part of them. But before we do that, here are some of the promotions we have noticed during the last few days: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD D. MILLER '44; SERGEANT F. ERNEST FELLOWS '42; SEAMAN SECOND CLASS JACK S. SCHRAMM '44; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARL STUYVESANT '44; YEOMAN THIRD CLASS ARTHUR BENSON '28; SEAMAN SECOND CLASS JOSEPH H. WEITZE '43; SEAMAN FIRST CLASS WILLIAM G. STULTS '43; CORPORAL CARL R. GORDON '43; SERGEANT DONALD B. KAAG '44, and PHARMACIST MATE SECOND CLASS JACK E. DOOLIN '35.

And now for those new names:

Pfc. Earl D. Bryant '37, Med.Det.,138th Eng.Bn., Ft. Jackson, S.C.
Sgt. Alton Clauser '35, Post Hosp. STTC, Mansfield, Ohio
T/5 Raymond E. Cochran '44, APO 635, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
S2/c Theodore Colarusso '47, Hosp.Corps Sch.Co. 2-1, San Diego 34,Cal
Pvt. John P. Conroy '46, Btry. B, 501st AFA, 14 AD,Camp Campbell, Ky.
T/5 Paul D. Cook '35, APO 322, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.
Sgt. Chester W. Gangewere '32, APO 312, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
A/C Richard D. Dent '44, 2561 AAFBO, Bldg. 5A, Sikeston, Mo.
Capt. Frank Diefenderfer '40, Reg. Hosp., Fort McClellan, Ala.
S/Sgt. Richard DiMarcantonio '41, APO 650, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
Lt.(j.g.) Harry Eberhard '30, c/o FPO, New York, N.Y.
Lt. Edward B. Edwards '44, APO 141, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
Lt.(j.g.) Donald H. Evans '41, c/o FPO, New York, N.Y.
Pvt. William T. Evans '44, Co. T 15 Sig. Tng. Regt.,Ft.Monmouth, N.J.
Cpl. Lamar A. Fesig '46, APO 654, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
PM3/c William Fogelman '35, 495 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
Pvt. Willart Francis '47, Co. D, 204 Bn. 63 Reg.,Camp Blanding, Fla.
Robert F. Blanck '47, AAF Base Unit, Sec. K, Truaz Fld,Madison 7,Wis.
Capt. Angelo A. Forovanti '37, APO 652, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
Cpl. Raymond A. Eskels '45, Sig. Cen. 3 CA, Ft. MacArthur,San Pedro,Ca
T/Sgt. Victor Stanick '38,AAF 3508 BU,Sec.B,Truaz Fld, Madison, Wis.
Pvt. George Gordin '47, Co.D,28th Bn, 2nd Plt.,Camp Croft, S.C.
Pvt. Kenneth Follweiler '36, 30th Med. Bn., Camp Rucker, Ala.
Cpl. Seymour Bestrehsky '44,BMC 1, Flt.P,Boca Raton Fld., Fla.
Lt. Willard Gehman '44, APO 921, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.
A/S John R. Brown '37, Rec. Hall 2, Area E, USNTC, Gulfport, Miss.
HA2/c Kenneth George '30 USNH, Unit 1, San Diego 34, Calif.
S2/c Leo R. Grant '46, c/o FPO, New York, N.Y.
Lt. Burton Good '42, APO 942, c/o P.M., Seattle, Wash.
John J. Gandner, '39, APO 88, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
Pvt. Francis E. Connor '34, Btry.A, 589 FA Bn.,Camp Atterbury, Ind.
William S. Esterly '32, Fort Dupont, Del.
Ray A. Backensto '42, Co. 160, LC 8, USNTC, Sampson, N.Y.

Down to the bottom of the page again--but don't forget, we like to hear from you fellows and it's only as you write to us that we can write letters like these about you and your friends and classmates. Here we are, all still rooting for you--and we'll keep it up even after the war has been won and you are back again.

Sincerely,

Gordon

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For the Alumni Office